

**BOARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH
MEETING MINUTES FOR
October 4, 2002**

LOCATION: Department of Health – Kent Facility
20435 – 72nd Avenue S, Suite 200
Kent, Washington

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kimberly Coy, Chair
Lynn Byrne
Sheila Winkler, Ph.D.
Jim Pannette
Rudy Gahler, M.D.
Jacqueline Ianniello
Ken Pope
Chuck Madison, Ph.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Traci Troutman, Program Manager
Tammy Benson, Program Manager
Robert Nicoloff, Executive Director

AAG PRESENT: Marc Defreyn, AAG Advisor
Gene Pearce, AAG Advisor

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kimberly Coy, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The meeting agenda was approved as amended. The minutes were approved as amended.

2. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION OF HEARING ASSISTANCE FOR BOARD MEETINGS

The Board passed a motion to appoint a committee to evaluate the needs for an assisted listening device to purchase for the work of the Board. The committee members appointed are: Kim Coy, Lynn Byrne, Penny Allen and Rudy Gahler. Bob Nicoloff, Executive Director, will be the staff person assigned for committee support.

3. PROGRAM REPORT

Licensing Implementation Update

Ms. Troutman shared with the Board copies of the letters sent to all interested persons relating to the licensure implementation. There are several options for renewal and new applicants that were explained in the letters. It is expected that all licenses that have been approved will be issued shortly after January 2, 2003. Ms. Troutman will keep the board informed of the status of applications and licenses issued.

Disciplinary/Complaint statistics

Traci Troutman reported the following current disciplinary statistics:

Cases Open: 10
Cases in intake: 1
Cases in investigation: 3
Cases in case disposition: 6

Licensing statistics

Ms. Troutman reported the following licensing statistics as of October 1, 2002:

Hearing Aid Fitter/Dispensers: 274
Audiologist's: 283
Speech Language Pathologists: 415

Exam statistics

Ms. Troutman reported the following exam statistics:

Total number of individuals who took exam:	18
Total number of Washington candidates:	16

Pass:	14
Fail:	2

Budget

Ms. Troutman shared with the Board the July 2002 Interim Operating Report. The Board is currently in the positive of approximately \$57,000. This is due to the cutbacks in functions and the Department's one time revenue transfer.

Update on Board appointments

Tammy Benson, Program Manager, informed the Board that the appointment packets are complete and will be forwarded to the Governor's Office by the middle of October. Once appointments are made, the Board will be notified.

Department of Health relocation

Ms. Troutman informed the Board that several of the agencies offices will be moving to a new facility in January and February 2003. Staff will be preparing for the moves by archiving files and streamlining systems. Ms. Troutman will keep the Board informed of the progress of the move.

2003 Meeting Dates and Locations

The Board determined a meeting schedule for 2003. This schedule is tentative based on availability of locations.

January 24, 2003 – Olympia

May 2, 2003 – Spokane

August 15, 2003 – Winthrop (In conjunction with the Washington Hearing and Health Care Provider Meeting)

October 2, 2003 – Kent (In conjunction with the Departments BCCC)

Committee Assignments and meeting schedule

The Board determined the new committee assignments for 2003.

Disciplinary Committee: Lynn Byrne; Chair, Jacqueline Ianniello, Kim Coy, Vacant Speech Language Pathologist, Vacant Fitter/Dispenser.

Rules Committee: Kimberly Coy; Chair, Lynn Byrne, Vacant Speech Language Pathologist, Rudy Gahler, Ken Pope

Education/Examination: Lynn Byrne; Chair, Jacqueline Ianniello, Vacant Speech Language Pathologist, Vacant Fitter/Dispenser.

Public Information/Assisted Listening Device: Penny Allen; Chair, Lynn Byrne, Kim Coy, Rudy Gahler.

Alignment Exercise - Results

Ms. Troutman shared with the Board the Department of Health Alignment Exercise. Hearing and Speech, overall, rated low. This is due in part to the fact that Audiology and Speech Language Pathology was voluntary at the time this exercise was done. The fact that it has now changed to mandatory licensure will make these professions a higher priority.

4. PROGRAM COMMUNICATION PLAN

Ms. Troutman discussed with the Board how to conduct committee meetings and telephone conference calls with members of the Board.

It was determined that beginning January 1, 2003, the following schedule will be used:

Disciplinary Committee Telephone Conference Calls: 2nd and 4th Friday at 9:00 a.m. to present disciplinary cases to the panel. If there are no disciplinary cases to be presented, staff will cancel call by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday prior.

Committing meetings will be held, as needed, in the morning prior to the full board meeting.

5. DISCIPLINARY CASE PRESENTATIONS

2002-04-0001HA(CA): Statement of Charges with intent to deny

2002-03-0001HA(CA): Statement of Charges

2001-08-0002HA: Close, no violation.

2002-02-0004HA: Close, no violation
2002-09-0002HA: Close, below threshold

6. DISCUSSION: Policies

Ms. Troutman shared with the Board the following policies:

- A) DOH Policy D30.01 Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Convictions
This policy discussion was postponed to a future meeting
- B) Board of Hearing and Speech Policy: Approval of Examinations
Assign to exam/education committee
- C) Board of Hearing and Speech: Bond requirement for fitting/dispensing:
Board approved policy, supercedes prior policy.

7. DISCUSSION: IIHIS Contract

Ms. Troutman discussed with the Board the renewal of the examination contract with IIHIS. The current contract expires in April 2003. The Board voted to move forward with renewal of contract. Staff will schedule a conference call with IIHIS to begin renewal.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

9. OTHER ISSUES

There were no other issues to be discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Recorder: _____
Tammy Benson, Program Manager

Submitted by: _____

Traci Troutman, Program Manager

Approved by:

Kimberly Coy, Chair

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